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Appl. No. To be Assigned

Group:

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For: GAS OR AIR FILLED POLYMERIC MICROBALLOONS USABLE AS
SUSPENSIONS IN LIQUID CARRIERS FOR ULTRASONIC ECHOGRAPHY

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December 3, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for
examination, please amend the application as follows: